



# Trails Newsletter

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## Happy New Year 2025!

Hello Trails Racquet Club members and friends. May you all have a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. THANK YOU for being a member or friend of the Trails Racquet Club. Your kindness and your loyalty make this club a wonderful place to play tennis and socialize.

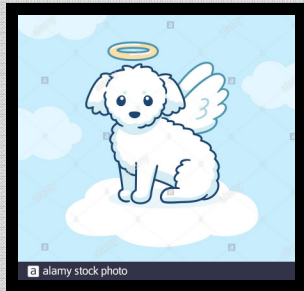
Overall, 2024 was a pretty good here at your Trails Racquet Club. You can find some details on the back page. 2025 enters will many uncertainties domestically as well as internationally. It appears the world is at a major pivot point. While we have little control over what happens in the world around us, we can make the tennis court our sanctuary. May the Trails be your sanctuary in 2025.

The photo on the right, taken at

sunset of New Year's eve, captures the year 2024 well: some light. some shadows, with obstacles somewhere in the background. But overall a pretty picture.

A review of the past year is on the back page. As is a preview for 2025. And on the front page is a good deal on membership dues. Take advantage of it.

**HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO Y'ALL.**



*Cookie in Heaven*

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## New Members

In all of the hectic of the holiday season 2 players made the time available to join the Trails in December:

- ◆ Susan Gasparian
- ◆ Gloria Hammers

Both ladies have been playing on-and-off either at the Trails or OBTC for years already. Now they have decided to join the Trails. Thank you, ladies. Welcome to the Trails.

## 10% Discounted Memberships

Are you interested in saving some money on your Trails membership to start the New Year? If so - here is a convenient way of doing this. If you buy your membership for 6 months in advance (= 01/01 - 06/30/25), you will receive an instant 10% discount. Example: the monthly dues

for a player over the age of 65 will be \$73.80 instead of \$82. Total cost is \$442.80. That deal has also been posted at the clubhouse for the last few weeks. Talk to Jan if you are interested. This deal will only be available in the month of January. Take advantage of it.

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# 2024 2025

## Review 2024 & Preview 2025

### Review 2024

As mentioned earlier, the past year had some stronger and some weaker moments. Among the stronger ones was the fact that membership has ticked up gradually, evening activity has picked up, junior lessons have picked up, the parking lot was resealed, and the entire fence and part of the clubhouse deck got repainted. And only one hurricane found our area. Lucky us!

In spite of all that good news, the club still hasn't found a new owner. Finding the right one with the right vision and the right money has proven to be a challenge. While there has been no shortage of interested individuals, and 3 of them entering into written contracts, a deal hasn't come through yet. Some of those buyers would have been ideal new operators. Sadly, there was either disagreement on the details, or

the bidders didn't have the money needed.

Great news was also that no members passed away. To the contrary; another active member turned 90 in December, giving the Trails two 90+ players. Yay to the longevity of tennis players!!

### Preview 2025

As stated above, the main goals of 2025 will be to transition the club to new ownership while continuing to provide excellent service to our members and guests. If such a transition is not possible, alternate plans will be made.

As far as on court activities are concerned, the club will expand its offers of night time play and offer more GVTL league play as well as the newly popular singles matches. More on that in a newsletter soon.



### Santa Bob

Who is the Trails' favorite Santa? SANTA BOB! Trails #1 RANKED KEYBOARD PLAYER Santa Bob Piejak played popular Christmas tunes for sing-alongs at the Trails'

ladies annual holiday party in mid December. Thank you for volunteering your time and talent, Santa Bob. The performances wouldn't have been the same without you.



### Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

Thank you for all your support and business in 2024. Overall, it was a good year. We look forward to serving you again in 2025. A safe and healthy New Year to you and your families. Looking forward to seeing you on the courts often.

Jan Buenner & Team (Victoria, ???, Dan, Gary, and Mike)

